

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 497 by Representative LaFonta

COURTS/SUPREME COURT: Provides for certain information to be sent to the judicial administrator of the Supreme Court

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Reinstated the present law total processing fee of \$10 to be taxed as court costs at the conclusion or dismissal of certain suits.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that when a suit has been filed in state district court for damages arising from an offense or quasi offense, the clerk of court or an insurer lawfully authorized to transact business in this state shall submit required information to the commissioner of insurance. Requires the clerk of court to submit information including the names of the parties, the nature of the injuries involved in the suit, and information regarding a settlement or judgment in the suit. Provides for the information to be submitted within a certain period of time.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides when a suit has been filed in state district court for damages arising from an offense or quasi offense, the clerk of court shall submit information as required by supreme court rule to the judicial administrator of the supreme court.

Present law provides that a processing fee of \$5 for the clerk of court and \$5 for the office of commissioner of insurance shall be taxed as costs of court in each suit on which the required information is submitted by the clerk of court.

Proposed law repeals provisions of present law and provides that a processing fee of \$5 for the clerk of court and \$5 for the office of the judicial administrator shall be taxed as costs of court in each suit on which the required information by supreme court rule is submitted by the clerk of court. Provides that maximum fees per suit shall not exceed \$10.

Proposed law repeals provisions of present law which provides that information received by the commissioner of insurance shall not be subject to subpoena, and provides that information received by the judicial administrator pursuant to supreme court rules shall not be subject to subpoena.

Effective Jan. 1, 2012.

(Adds R.S. 13:4688; Repeals R.S. 9:2800.7)